

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 10 and 30.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 11, 13, 17, 21, 23, and 28
as follows.

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1. (currently amended) A An aqueous phase and oil phase composition comprising an amphoteric surfactant, a polypropoxylated cetyl alcohol and a polar drug selected from the group consisting of sodium cromoglycate and nedocromil sodium, ~~said composition further comprising an aqueous phase and an oil phase.~~

3. (previously amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the amphoteric surfactant is a balanced amphoteric surfactant.

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4. (currently amended) A composition according to Claim 1, including ethoxylated cetyl alcohol, ~~said polypropoxylated and ethoxylated cetyl alcohols being included in said composition in the form of PPG-5 Ceteth-20.~~

5. (previously amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the amphoteric surfactant comprises disodium cocoamphodiacetate.

9. (previously amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises a corticosteroid.

10. (cancelled).

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11. (currently amended) A composition according to
Claim 10 wherein the composition is an oil-in-water
emulsion.

12. (previously amended) A composition according to
Claim 1 wherein the composition is a foam.

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13. (currently amended) A composition according to
~~any of the preceding claims~~ consisting essentially of:
sorbitan tristearate or non-ionic emulsifying wax 0.5 to 5%
w/v

glycerol monostearate	0.5 to 5% w/v
light liquid paraffin	1 to 20% w/v
white soft paraffin	1 to 10% w/v
iso propyl myristate	0.5 to 5% w/v
polar drug	0.1 to 20% w/v
disodium edetate	0.01 to 1% w/v
amphoteric surfactant	0.1 to 10% w/v
alkoxylated cetyl alcohol	0.1 to 10% w/v
triclosan	0.01 to 1% w/v
benzyl alcohol	0.01 to 1% w/v
purified water	to 100% of the emulsion

15. (previously amended) A method for topically
delivering a pharmaceutical composition into a user's skin,
comprising:

(a) providing a polar drug selected from the group consisting of sodium cromoglycate and nedocromil sodium; and

(b) applying said polar drug to the skin of the user in or with a formulation comprising alkoxylated cetyl alcohol and an amphoteric surfactant.

17. (currently amended) A composition as in Claim 1 for treating a skin disease or skin condition selected from the group consisting of atopic dermatitis, contact sensitivity, psoriasis, drug sensitivity reactions, aphous ulcers, Behcet's syndrome, pemphigus, urticaria, urticaria pigmentosa, pyroderma gangrenosum, chronic skin ulcers, ulcers associated with Crohn's disease, burns, insect stings/bites, herpetic infections, systemic sclerosis, morphoea, dermal nodular fibrosis, and ~~or~~ sunburn by applying said composition to the skin of an individual affected by the disease or condition.

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20. (previously canceled).

21. (currently amended) A method as in Claim 15 for the treatment of a skin disease or skin condition selected from the group consisting of atopic dermatitis, contact sensitivity, psoriasis, drug sensitivity reactions, aphous ulcers, Behcet's syndrome, pemphigus, urticaria, urticaria pigmentosa, pyroderma gangrenosum, chronic skin ulcers,

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ulcers associated with Crohn's disease, burns, insect stings/bites, herpetic infections, systemic sclerosis, morphoea, dermal nodular fibrosis, and ~~or~~ sunburn.

22. (previously amended) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the skin disease or condition is, has been or will be further treated by application of a corticosteroid.

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23. (currently amended) A composition as in Claim 1 for treating any of Claims 1 to 12 being adapted to treat a patient in need of said polar drug by applying said composition to the skin of the patient.

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28. (currently amended) The composition of Claim 1 any one of Claims 1 to 12 being packaged in a tube, tub, bottle or pressurised aerosol container.

29. (previously canceled).

30. (cancelled).

31. (previously added) A method as in Claim 15 wherein said alkoxylated cetyl alcohol is polypropoxylated cetyl alcohol.